

### TO STUDY PROBLEM OF TAX INCREASES

#### U. S. CHAMBER HAS PLAN

**Says U. S. Will Check Rising Tide of Taxation Only When People Realize Its Local Application**

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has created a special committee on State and Local Taxation and Expenditures which will study tax problems from the local angle. This is a constructive effort based on the sound assumption that real tax relief for the ordinary citizen, from this time forward, depends on cutting the local and state burdens.

In commenting on the purposes of the committee Felix McWhirter, chairman, said in part:

#### Rising Tide of Taxes

"The United States will check the rising tide of taxes only when the people realize the 'state tax problem' is just 48 problems of expenditures and that the local tax problem is just as many problems as there are cities, each with its local background demanding effective local treatment."

"We want to direct local attention to these problems in the hope that local efforts in the aggregate, will make a perceptible showing in the national tax picture."

"Here are some of the things we would like to see done everywhere as they now are done in some states and cities which are reaping in dollars saved by the benefit of this activity: When budgets are being planned, local organizations should help officials plan where the money is to go. After budgets are adopted, local chambers should be eternally vigilant to see that money is spent only for purposes for which it is appropriated."

**Systematize Spending**  
"In capital expenditures, cities should systematize their spending, to acquire improvements in order of necessity and in conformity with deliberately considered, long-time plans. Capacity to pay for improvements must be a measure of their desirability."

"In the vast field of public revenues, various taxpayers should carry proportionate burdens. Red tape should be sheared away from forms and reports. In all public finance, common sense must replace outworn tradition and bad precedent."

Here is something worth thinking about. Everyone wants lower taxes, and admits that national taxes have been reduced almost to the limit. Any further relief must come therefore through reducing state and local taxes. These can only be lowered by cutting the expenditures of the smaller units of government. A great deal can be done by a careful survey of each local situation. This will have to be done in the main, of course, by the local citizens themselves, or by organizations which they select for the purpose. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. And eternal vigilance coupled with sound business sense is the price of tax relief, the price that will have to be paid if there is to be any real relief.

Now Vitamin F. has been discovered. When they run out of letters for the newly discovered vitamins they will have to begin naming them like Pullman cars.

### TEMPERANCE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS BENEFIT

#### MASSACHUSETTS EXAMPLE

**Boston Paper Points out Value To Youth of Principles Inculcated as To Use of Liquor.**

The Massachusetts statute which for many years has required public schools to include in their courses instruction regarding the injurious effects of alcohol on the human system is generally observed in schools of the State, Dr. Payson Smith, State Commissioner of Education, believes.

"The emphasis, however, probably is placed on the values of temperance rather than on the destructive results of drinking," Dr. Smith said. "The recent trend in teaching hygiene has been to get away from the morbid details of physiology and to try to build up constructive health habits, to teach youths to respect their bodies. In this direction, I feel sure the present instruction in most, if not all schools, is accomplishing the purposes of the rights of property and the security of acquisitions; and more for education, health, happiness, and the greatest good of the greatest number than any other political power of all time."

### ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF PICTORIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The Twenty-fifth Annual Exhibition of pictorial photography, made by members of the Chicago Camera club, opened at the Art Institute Thursday, March 29 and will run concurrently with the Water Color Exhibition, until May. The photographs are hung in a special gallery in the East Wing and an inspection of the many prints exhibited shows that many of the members of the club have attained a high degree of artistic proficiency. The subjects illustrated include character studies, Still life, wild life, marines, snow scenes, summer landscapes and city views.

### NOW IS TIME TO START FIGHTING FLY PESTS

With the fly season just around the corner the time for doing the most effective work toward keeping this pestiferous insect out of the dining room and kitchen is right now, according to Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health department. Screens and swatters are great things after flies arrive but a thorough cleaning of horse stables and the weekly cleaning from now on until frost next autumn, the burying of all manure, the cleaning up of all rubbish and filth will destroy the breeding places of flies. One lick now is worth a dozen in May or June.

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### REMARKABLE EXHIBIT EUROPEAN SCULPTURE

All by Famous Artists and of Great Interest; Shows at Art Institute

The remarkable exhibition of Modern European sculpture which recently opened at the Art Institute, was assembled by Mr. A. C. Good-year of the Buffalo Albright Academy, and represents the advanced work of the leading sculptors of Europe.

Frank Dohson, born in London in 1886, represents Switzerland, with ten pieces; Aristide Maillol, with two subjects, Charles Despiau with ten and Antoine Bourdelle, with one, represents France. George Kolbe, born in Waldheim in 1877, represents Germany with ten subjects; Ivan Mestrovic, born in Slavonia in 1883 represents Jugo Slavia with one piece; Carl Milles, born in Legna in 1876, represents Sweden with nine pieces; The only American in the group is Jacob Epstein with two portrait heads.

All of these pieces, with the exception of the life-size female torso by Maillol, which is distinctly realistic, are "modern" in approach and execution, with the feeling for the primitive viewpoint strongly manifested. The exhibition is installed in the group of galleries in the East Wing Color show. As nearly all of these are life-size they make a remarkably interesting group. They will remain on view until May 6.

#### Mellon's Choice

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon was recently asked who ought to be the next president. "A good man," he replied. "But from what part of the country should he be drawn?" persisted the interviewer. "Wherever he lives," said the Secretary.—Woman's Home Companion.

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